

1. (Currently Amended) A webbing retractor for an elongated, strip-shaped webbing belt used for application to a body of a vehicle occupant riding in a vehicle, the webbing retractor comprising:

a frame including only two leg plates, which are disposed so as to face one another, and are connected by a back plate so as to be integral; *such that said leg plates bear the rotational load of said*

a spool, which is disposed between the leg plates and held directly or indirectly to the frame so as to be rotatable around an axis, one end of the webbing belt being anchored to the spool, the spool being for winding of the webbing belt therearound such that the webbing is disposed between the two leg plates;

a driving mechanism, which is disposed between the leg plates and can be used repeatedly, said driving mechanism having an output shaft which is for rotating the spool in at least a take-up direction by driving the output shaft to rotate in a predetermined direction;

and

including a gear train

a clutch disposed entirely between the leg plates, and mechanically interposed between the output shaft and the spool, for transmitting rotation of the output shaft to the spool; and

entire
a spiral spring that applies an urging force to the spool in the take-up direction.

wherein the clutch is disposed directly adjacent to a side of one of the leg plates facing the other of the leg plates, and

the spiral spring is disposed at a side of one of the leg plates which opposite to a side

of the one leg plate that faces the other of the leg plates, and *disposed between a support member connected to said frame, and said leg plates,*

2. (Original): The webbing retractor of claim 1, wherein the spool is disposed between the pair of leg plates in a state such that an axial direction thereof runs along a direction in which the pair of leg plates face one another.

3. (Original): The webbing retractor of claim 2, wherein the clutch is a clutch which

wherein gears of said gear train are rotatably mounted between said two plates.

Appendix

1. (Currently Amended) A webbing retractor for an elongated, strip-shaped webbing belt used for application to a body of a vehicle occupant riding in a vehicle, the webbing retractor comprising:

a frame including only two leg plates, which are disposed so as to face one another and are connected by a back plate so as to be integral; *such that said leg plates bear the rotational load of said spool*

a spool, which is disposed between the leg plates and held directly or indirectly to the frame so as to be rotatable around an axis, one end of the webbing belt being anchored to the spool, the spool being for winding of the webbing belt therearound such that the webbing is disposed between the two leg plates;

a driving mechanism, which is disposed between the leg plates and can be used repeatedly, said driving mechanism having an output shaft which is for rotating the spool in at least a take-up direction by driving the output shaft to rotate in a predetermined direction;

and

including a gear train

a clutch disposed entirely between the leg plates, and mechanically interposed between the output shaft and the spool, for transmitting rotation of the output shaft to the spool; and

entire
a spiral spring that applies an urging force to the spool in the take-up direction.

wherein the clutch is disposed directly adjacent to a side of one of the leg plates facing the other of the leg plates, and

the spiral spring is disposed at a side of one of the leg plates which opposite to a side of the one leg plate that faces the other of the leg plates, and

and disposed between said leg plates,
a support member connected to said frame,

2. (Original): The webbing retractor of claim 1, wherein the spool is disposed between the pair of leg plates in a state such that an axial direction thereof runs along a direction in which the pair of leg plates face one another.

3. (Original): The webbing retractor of claim 2, wherein the clutch is a clutch which

wherein gears of said gear train are rotatably mounted between said leg plate and said support member.